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SUBJECT:DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

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EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING MARCH 8,
1974:

QUOTE: MR. VEST: I DON'T HAVE FIRM DATES ON THE SECRETARY'S
TRIP TO MOSCOW. AS YOU KNOW, THE PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD
BE GOING TO MOSCOW SOMETIME IN THE SECOND HALF OF MARCH.

Q. IS THE SECRETARY PLANNING TO STOP OFF IN NEW DELHI
FOLLOWING THE MOSCOW TRIP?

A. I HAVE SEEN THE NEWSPAPER REPORTS ON THIS, BUT I HAVE
NOTHING TO INDICATE -- NO FORMAL PLANNING THAT WOULD
INDICATE THAT HE IS GOING TO ANY PLACE OTHER THAN MOSCOW.

Q. -HE HAD PLANNED TO GO TO NEW DELHI IN THE NOVEMBER TRIP,
I BELIEVE IT WAS, TO THE MIDDLE EAST, THAT ENDED UP IN
PEKING. WAS THAT JUST CANCELLED OR POSTPONED OR WHAT WAS
THE STATUS OF THAT?

A. I HAVE NO INFORMATION ON A DELHI VISIT AT THE PRESENT
TIME. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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